

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2773, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Wekiva River and its tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMEMBERING OUR HEROES, JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND JOHN M. GIBSON

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, today is a time of remembrance and deep appreciation. It was 2 years ago that we lost our brave friends, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson. As we recall their sacrifices, I wish to place the accomplishments of these two great heroes into a larger context.

The shock of tragedy we all felt at their loss has grown into the deeper pain of longing. We wonder how can it be that God chooses to allow tragedy to visit the homes of good people, people we honor, love and respect? This we cannot know.

Scripture teaches that God pursues his own purpose in his own time.

But there are questions we can answer. What did these men live for? What drove them to revere their work and to carry out their duty even in the face of terrible danger?

The simple truth is that they lived to defend freedom that is cherished and loved by us all. This passion for liberty is the foundation of our democracy. It is the sturdiest support upholding democracy across the globe.

These officers loved their jobs despite the risks because they embraced a broader commitment to a most noble purpose. In doing so, Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut have taken their place in the continuum of freedom.

From the New England farmers who routed the British on the road to Saratoga to the volunteers who marched south to San Antonio, as the determined men who charged into destiny at Gettysburg, Americans have always answered freedom's summons. From the fearless defenders of Corregidor, to the besieged ranks of guarding the Chosin Reservoir, to the GIs in the heat of the Ia Drang Valley, the call has been answered.

From our sailors under the strange stars of distant oceans, to our pilots flying above the hostile lights of unfam-

iliar lands, the work of freedom goes on. From the Marine stationed at a tiny embassy in a strife-torn nation, to the officers on duty today under the dome of this Capitol, the tradition endures and America goes on.

It is a continuous line of Americans demanding the most from themselves, freedom for our Nation and the best for this world.

This unwavering commitment is the foundation of our democracy.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians he states, "If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver or costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward."

Mr. Speaker, these men were tested. They endured the flames. Their work still stands, and I know in my heart that having received their reward they are now enjoying a peace and joy beyond our worldly understanding.

God bless John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut and their families. Let us never forget their awesome sacrifice.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

INDONESIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest the widespread violence and killing of innocent people occurring daily in the Maluku, the Spice Islands and Ambon in Indonesia.

The mass killings in Ambon are deeply disturbing. There are members within the current Indonesia government and former government and the military who do not care how many innocent lives are stamped out. These people simply care about their ultimate goal of controlling Indonesian society and keeping their hold on power. It is deeply disturbing and offensive, Mr. Speaker, that these individuals would allow this. They are in the same league as those who ordered the deaths of innocent people in the concentration camps of World War II.

Horrifying reports and photos arrive each day in my office. I have photos of destroyed homes, businesses, churches, places of worship. I have photos of men, women, children, lying in streets with severed limbs, heads blown off, photos much too graphic to bring to the House floor.

Mr. Speaker, I traveled to Indonesia at the end of May, met with various leaders, including President Wahid and leaders from both the Christian and Muslim communities.

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They long for peace to reign again. But it seems impossible because of numerous reports of behind-the-scenes maneuvers by Suharto, Habibie, their cronies, various military officers and others who want to destabilize the present government.

These former government leaders and military leaders are really people with no hearts. Why do I say that? Because only uncivilized people could coldly and callously calculate to cause the deaths of whole societies simply to maintain their power.

Mr. Speaker, the mass killings continue. Day after day, more and more people in these islands become refugees with no access to food, clothing, medicine or shelter.

Reports suggest that the tension in the Maluku is not simply an economic issue; it is a religious issue as well. Members of the more extremist Islamic community, including the current leader of the People's Consultative Assembly, Dr. Amien Rais, openly have supported calls for "jihad" or an Islamic holy war against the Christians and other religious minorities in Indonesia.

The influx of Laskar Jihad fighters into Maluku has only happened through complexity of members of the military who have allowed a mass influx of men and arms into the Ambonese communities.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share a couple of excerpts from letters and reports that we have received:

"Before the military arrived, we were fine. There was no fighting. They came and the attacks came with them. When we were boarding the evacuation ship, the soldiers had stolen most of our things, including our rings, necklaces, et cetera, and sold them in front of us for almost nothing. A chain saw that costs several hundred dollars was sold for \$10. If we carried two bags of clothes to bring, they threw one out. We took only part of what we had fled with. The clothes I have on are the only ones I now own. This shirt I wore during the attacks. I had no long pants."

"For the 3 days of the fighting, soldiers were shooting at us, many of them died. Two of our kids died. One was handicapped, and the soldiers hung him and burned him alive. These two had not died in the fighting; it was after when the soldiers rounded us up. The soldiers murdered these two."

"The attacks continued until the evening the 3rd of July in the village. The next day, the attack continued. When it was known that the mobs planned to burn down the university, the villagers again asked the military's help to stop the mobs. Again, the request was ignored with the excuse that there are villagers, civil security personnel, and the students regiment who could guard the university campus."

Here is an AP article from July 17: "The leaders of an armed Muslim militia have vowed to rid the islands of Christians. Most members come from

Indonesia's central island of Java, and its leaders are Suharto supporters. In the television footage, many of the Muslim militants can be clearly heard speaking Javanese as they plan their attack on Christian parts of Ambon.

"In television footage shot over the weekend . . . Indonesian soldiers are seen fighting alongside hundreds of Muslim militants in Ambon. Many of the extremists were filmed carrying military-issue assault rifles."

Mr. Speaker, out of desperation, many community leaders from Ambon have urged the international community to help stop these continued killings by bringing in U.N. observers and peacekeepers and boycotting Indonesian businesses involved in supporting the destruction of the Maluku.

Mr. Speaker, we should not stand idly by and watch while the death count continues to rise. Our Nation should not do business with businesses supporting this bloodshed. We are starting our military assistance again. We should not lend our military expertise to military officers who approve of the killing of innocent women and children. We have laws that impose sanctions on Nations that allow persecution of ethnic and religious groups.

I call on Members to join me in sending a letter to President Wahid and President Clinton. I call on the Indonesian and U.S. Governments to act immediately to stop the killings and bring to justice the parties responsible for this reign of terror.

A TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DILLINGHAM III

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of the most outstanding citizens of San Diego, California.

Benjamin Franklin Dillingham III, or Ben as he is known to his many friends in San Diego, will be honored this Sunday at a community tribute banquet in San Diego. A community leader and philanthropist; former chief of staff to our mayor, Maureen O'Connor; a captain in the United States Marine Corps; Ben is currently serving as chief financial officer for Patient Care Incorporated, reflecting his deep interest in providing quality health care for all.

Ben was born in Honolulu, a fourth generation islander. His father, Ben II, was the general manager of the Oahu Railway and Land Company. His mother, Frances Andrews, is the daughter of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews of Denison, Texas.

Ben received his B.A. degree cum laude and his master's in business administration both from Harvard University. Upon graduation from Harvard Business School with distinction, he was commissioned a second lieutenant

in the Marine Corps; and while in Vietnam, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

When he returned to the United States, he began training recruits at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and was promoted to captain while at MCRD. He was given orders to Advanced Armor School conducted by the United States Army at Fort Knox and graduated, typically, at the top of his class before returning to duty with the Marines. Ben finished his service as a division training officer and then drove across country to establish residence in San Diego, California.

Here in San Diego, he was recognized as a true community leader. Prior to his work as chief of staff for the mayor, he also worked for General Dynamics, Convair Division, and the Metropolitan Transit Development Board.

Mr. Speaker, his service to the community is broad and spans a number of organizations. He has served as a member of the Marine Corps Association, the United States Armor Association, the Navy League, the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, the Center for Social Services, the Greater San Diego Business Association, the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego, the United Way, the Diversity Committee, the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, the San Diego Scholarship Foundation, and the County AIDS Service Advisory Panel.

He has been a board chair of the AIDS Foundation of San Diego and the County of San Diego AIDS Services Advisory Panel, and he has served as a board member of the Episcopal Community Services, L.I.F.E. Foundation, AIDS Project, and the San Diego Scholarship Foundation.

Aside from all of these memberships and board leaderships, he has numerous honors from across the city. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for Vietnam Service and the Army Commendation Medal at the Armor Officer Advance Course at Fort Knox. His civilian recognition includes Man of the Year, the San Diego Lesbian/Gay Pride Festival; the Human Rights Campaign Fund Crystal Torch Award; the Log Cabin Club Pursuit of Happiness Award; the Brad Truax Presidential Award; the Stan Berry Award; and the Harvey Milk Memorial Award at the Nickys; the Harvey Milk Democratic Club Human Rights Award, and the San Diego AIDS Project Celebration of Life Award.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank Ben Dillingham III for his tenacity in the fight for progressive causes; his commitment to the struggle for human rights; his belief in the importance of access to government, education, and health care for every member of our society; his outstanding service to the City of San Diego; and his significant contribution to our community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to call Ben my friend.

CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we are now celebrating the 10th year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I rise this evening to not only celebrate this landmark occasion, but also to acknowledge my unwavering support of the Americans with Disabilities Act, known as ADA, and the future of this legislation.

Just a few days ago, I signed a pledge of support for the American Association of People With Disabilities, thereby affirming my belief that we need an America that lives up to the promise of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all.

The ADA advocates for our Nation's more than 43 million citizens with disabilities. In the Seventh District of Illinois, there are over 35,000 people with disabilities under the age of 65, and over 20,000 people with disabilities 65 years or older.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share a few thoughts regarding the principles of the ADA and its successes over the last 10 years.

First of all, the ADA seeks to break down stereotypes and misconceptions about people with disabilities by including them in the progress and prosperity of our Nation. Equal opportunity, full participation in society, employment opportunities, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency are the guiding principles of the ADA.

Today, we are seeing a more inclusive and integrated society as a result of the ADA. People with disabilities are getting jobs that they want and for which they are well qualified. The Global Strategy Group Survey found in October of 1995 that 75 percent of companies with 51 to 200 employees are now hiring people with disabilities. From 1991 to 1994, 800,000 persons with severe disabilities joined the workforce. Public transportation changes and curb cuts are widespread. Accommodations in hotels, restaurants, and stores are becoming more and more accessible. Telecommunications for people who are deaf and hard of hearing is becoming a reality. People who are blind can receive information in a format they can use.

So successes from the ADA are visible today, and I hope that we continue to use these gains as a baseline for future work to liberate those who live in confining conditions and who want to be more integrated into society.

Mr. Speaker, along that line, I am pleased to note that I am the sponsor of the MiCASSA bill, which would bring our Nation's Medicaid system into accord with the principles set forth by the ADA. This bill will allow individuals with developmental and other disabilities to use Medicaid funding for home-based and community-